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SUBJ: USSR: LIVESTOCK DISEASE OUTBREAK, S. UKRAINE & MOLDAVIA

1. ASST. AGATT BEEGHLY MET SOCIALLY WITH THREE UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS FROM ODESSA MAY 14. ARTISTS ARE IN MOSCOW FOR A FEW DAYS VISITING FRIENDS. A COMPLAINT OF ALL THREE WAS THAT LESS MEAT IS AVAILABLE THERE THAN IN MOSCOW, A SITUATION, THEY SAID, WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO IMPROVE GIVEN THE CURRENT OUTBREAK OF "PLAGUE" AFFECTING SWINE AND CHICKENS, BUT NOT CATTLE. ACCORDING TO THEM, THE SO-CALLED PLAGUE HAS BEEN UNDERWAY ABOUT A MONTH. IN SOME AREAS AUTOMOBILES ARE REPORTEDLY BEING STOPPED AT ROADBLOCKS AND SEARCHED FOR MEAT, WHICH IS THEN DESTROYED. THEY MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY ODESSA AND NIKOLAYEV OBLASTS, AND MOLDAVIA (KISHINEV) AS AREAS CURRENTLY AFFECTED BY LIVESTOCK DISEASE PROBLEMS.

2. COMMENT: BEEGHLY DID NOT MENTION RECENT OFFICE TRAVEL TURNDOWNS TO THESE AREAS UNTIL AFTER THE ABOVE HAD BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED. IT IS, HOWEVER, AS PLAUSIBLE AN EXPLANATION AS WE HAVE YET HEARD FOR TRAVEL REFUSALS TO THIS AREA.

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3. FYI, AGATTS IN THEIR SPRING CROP TRAVEL THROUGH NORTH CAUCASUS AND OTHER AREAS OF UKRAINE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY QUARANTINE ROADBLOCKS OR OTHER MEASURES IN EFFECT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT SEVERAL SUCH CITINGS WERE REPORTED LAST YEAR.

4. MIN. AG. OFFICIALS WILL BE QUERIED FOR DETAILS OF

THESE OUTBREAKS WHICH SOUND LIKE FOOT AND MOUTH OR
SVD FOR SWINE AND NEW CASTLE'S DISEASE OF POULTRY.
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